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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

- For Governor: DANIEL H. HASTINGS. For Lieutenant Governor: WALTER LYON, of ALLEGHENY. For Auditor General: AMOS H. MYLIN, of LANCASTER. For Secretary of Internal Affairs: JAMES W. LATTA, of PHILADELPHIA. For Commissioner of Labor: GALLUSHA A. CROW, of SUSQUEHANNA. For Treasurer: GEORGE F. HUFF, of WESTMORELAND. Election Time, Nov. 6.

IN 1888, WHEN the Mills' bill was brewing, Chairman Wilson was vociferously opposed to free coal. In 1894, when his own bill is undergoing repairs, he is strenuously for a tariff on coal. Our modern tariff reformer finds it hard to tip his ears in unison.

The Luzerne Nominations.

The convention of Twelfth district Republicans in Landmesser's hall, Wilkes Barre, was characterized by a spirited contest for the various nominations; but it was in the main a good-natured convention and one alive to the supreme importance of party triumph as distinguished solely from individual ambitions. When, after a ballot which many times oscillated toward and away from him, John Leisenring, of Upper Lehigh, was finally nominated by a substantial plurality, the friends of his distinguished competitor, ex-Senator Morgan B. Williams, accepted the result as one of the fair fortunes of honorable political warfare, moved with enthusiasm to make the nomination unanimous and left the hall at the convention's conclusion vowing to sink personal disappointment in their energetic support of the majority's choice. The expression of that veteran campaigner, James M. Norris, whose marshaling of the Williams forces was a brilliant instance of superior generalship, overcome alone by the great odds of the opposition, was typical of the general feeling among the defeated candidates and their adherents. Said Mr. Norris, after it was all over: "We were beaten fairly; and the good Republicans we will give to the party's nominee as energetic and loyal support as if he had been our personal preference."

Mr. Leisenring, whom the Republicans of the mother county have thus honored with a nomination carrying with it, if over confidence be sufficiently guarded against, a cheerful prospect of flattering success at the polls, is a creditable representative of the younger and more aggressive element in the party, who has never before been a seeker for office, but who this time offers to the service of his party and his district an honorable business record, showing clear-cut capacity in the practical management of men and affairs. He is not a demagogue; and in the arts that inspire the cordial contempt of men of brains and principle he will undoubtedly be surpassed by the Democratic gentleman who will confront him. He does not pander to debasing influences nor try to court flippant applause by theatrical poses as labor's false friend. He is content to rest his record as a level-headed and generous young man, of excellent ancestry yet in cordial touch with rich and poor alike; and above all, as the candidate of those who wish to replace the shallow misrepresentation of a Hines with the prudent and sagacious representation of one who will not bring the district into reproach and ridicule.

The various successful nominees for county offices, beginning with Captain Alfred Darie, of Kingston, a sterling veteran of battlefields martial as well as political, are known to the men of sagacity and deserving, who will no doubt receive their party's utmost support. The interest of spectators of this convention centers naturally rather in the character of its congressional nominee. The work that he will be called upon to do, when triumphantly elected in November, will concern not Luzerne county alone, but Pennsylvania and the whole nation. It is a legitimate interest which the citizens of industrial Lackawanna take in the nomination and in the canvass of Mr. Leisenring, effecting as it does the welfare of this entire section; and while they would have cordially welcomed the success of his distinguished opponent in convention, had the delegates so willed, they are sincerely glad at the condition in a neighbor county which bodes so well for the overwhelming success of Republican principles, championed by one thoroughly adequate to the responsibilities of his great trust and exemplifying in his personal life and surroundings the best aspirations of intelligent citizenship.

WE HAVE EKE, Smith's own words for it that the coal fields of the southern states cover over 61,000 square miles, which, as George W. Armstrong states in the Tradesman, is seven times as much as in Great Britain, and more than in Russia, Great Britain, Germany, France and Belgium combined. The coke is excellently adapted to use

in manufactures. Since 1880 the production of coke has increased from 3,000,000 of bushels to 25,000,000 bushels. No wonder the south objects to free coal.

OUR ESTEEMED friend, the Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer, argues with much zest in support of the proposition that it is impossible "to make a huge temperance society out of the Catholic church;" but we trust that it is mistaken. Surely temperance is one of the corner stones of the Christian religion, be the denomination whatever it may be; and a church which should decline to advocate temperance, but would, instead, go in for intemperance, would be, as we view it, far removed from real Christianity, whose very essence is moderation and gentleness in all the affairs of life. It is possible that we mistake our contemporary's intended meaning. Unless we are greatly deceived, the Catholic church, to its credit be it said, is in fact just what the News-Dealer denies, "a huge temperance society" whose influence with reference to the abuses growing out of intemperance is constantly becoming greater.

The Best Labor is the Cheapest.

It is a circumstance of much more than ordinary significance that the coke operators of the Conneautville region have decided at last to abandon the experiment of imported negro labor at their ovens and in their mines. The information that this experiment has failed is by no means unexpected. It was found not to be a success for the same reasons which determined its failure in this locality, during the construction work on the new Panther Creek railroad. The imported southern negro was frequently vicious and incorrigible. When not this he was so shiftless that even the cheap wage at which his labor was hired failed to make him an economical investment; and the coke operators, in sheer self-defense, have been forced to turn appealingly to a higher grade of help.

This is not the first nor the worst failure charged up on the books of public opinion against the soft coal and coke operators of Pennsylvania. Few persons are nowadays so fiercely beset by political necessities as to feel compelled to refrain from condemning the importation, into the bituminous region, of the squalid and illiterate labor contracted for among the unfortunate of central Europe. Originally merely dumb, this labor became through repeated disappointments and privations, vicious and vengeful; and there is today scarcely any difference between employes and employers in its vicinity that it does not take advantage of to enter upon a career of violence and often bloodshed. That it has cost to its importers twice over as much as was saved in its cheaper scale of wages is a fact which few dispute; nor is this fact certain when ascertained of those attractive mining communities in which an equally intractable quality of labor has been employed in a greater or less degree. The corroborative fact in our own community that the intelligent miner, whether of Welsh, Irish, Scotch, German or English ancestry, is today at a distinct premium as compared with the Slovak, the Lithuanian, the unlettered Italian and the lower grade Pole, is instructive in its significance.

Whether we look over into Western Pennsylvania or seek for evidence in our own home community, it is equally distinct that the labor in any branch of industry which is permanently economical is the labor that knows its business and will attend to it, whether its wages be high or low. In an age of shifting industrial conditions even the best of workmen are liable at times to be thrown suddenly out of employment, or offered wages manifestly incommensurate with their worth and skill. The prudent laborer, however, will take the best pay that he can honestly get, and trust to his merits to bring him better pay in the long run. He will realize that business fluctuations make to even the wealthiest of men; and that, in coming to him also they do not single him out for special persecution, but instead obey a universal trade law, which no individual and no class can permanently dodge or defy.

It took the committee on resolutions at the Georgia Democratic convention ten hours to agree on a silver plank; and when finally it reached a consensus it was a most amazing one. The plank "demanded the immediate passage of such legislation as will restore silver to its constitutional position as a money metal and will secure at once the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver on a parity and give to every dollar in circulation, whether coin or paper, the same debt-paying or purchasing power." When the Georgia Democracy discovers such legislation as will "secure at once the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver on a parity" at the same time that that it makes all dollars equal, it will confer a favor on an anxious world by immediately making its discovery public. We shall then prepare for perpetual motion, the real elixir of life, squared circles and the harmless conflict of irresistible bodies bumping into immovable ones. Let the land pass.

GOVERNOR ALTHELD of Illinois is now a full-fledged candidate for the United States senate; and if socialism, anarchism, erudition and damp-phism can elect him he will go hurtling in among the Peffers and the Kyles with a majority that will simply make their Populistic heads swim.

THE SHRILL announcement by the cuckoo organs that the Democrats have carried Tennessee reminds us, by the way, that the Dutch once captured Holland.

abhors and resents the breathing of so much as a syllable of censure against the man who once gave him an office.

IT IS DOUBTLESS true that the German senators are protectionists for what there is in it for them; nevertheless they cannot yield now to the mercenary of the house, for to do so would be to lose sight both of principle and of self.

MR. CLEVELAND, it seems, is now willing to sacrifice party principle and party honor in the items of coal and iron if he can only be permitted to deliver his party's goods to the sugar trust.

SOME MEN are Reformers evidently for the junkets there are in it.

AT THE Pie Counter.

Parties who are arguing that Postmaster Vandring is not responsible for the stamp recently abstracted from the Scranton office are evidently not up in government science or the affairs of Uncle Sam. Mr. Vandring and his bondmen will be held accountable to the last cent of the value of the stamps taken, and reimbursement can only be obtained by an act of congress. In the matter of stamps and supplies, both in the postal and internal revenue service, the government is very careful and allows no slackness in the means of disbursement. The alien holder is under heavy bonds for the purpose of reimbursing the just such little losses as have been charged Postmaster Vandring's accounts this week.

Revenue agents relate accounts of a robbery of \$3,000 worth of beer stamps which occurred in Missouri some years ago. A conspiracy was formed between a brewery bookkeeper and drivers of beer wagons for the purpose of defrauding the brewery company. It was necessary in order to sell the beer stolen to have the kegs properly stamped. Stamps were stolen from the revenue office for the purpose and the bookkeeper juggled the brewery accounts to a manner that allowed the thieves to dispose of quite large quantities of beer without detection. The loss of the stamps, however, brought the government detectives to the trail, and after a time the conspirators were cornered. Although blameless, the revenue stamp clerk, who worked for a trifling salary, was called upon to settle for the lost stamps. This he was unable to do, and his bondsmen were forced to settle the bill. Several years afterwards the bondsmen were reimbursed by an act of congress; but the circumstance impressed the fact upon all that the government allows no fooling with its property and that the man who voluntarily accepts an office of such great responsibility must be prepared to stand grief when it is thrust upon him.

Notwithstanding the delight with which the Scranton and Elm Street turnpike will be received by sporting men and the traveling public, there are some features of the enterprise that will be viewed with sadness by the lovers of nature. The picturesque beauty of the New Aug. chasm will be forever destroyed by the bridge which is in course of erection over the basin below the falls. It really seems a pity that the crossing of Roaring brook could not have been located at some other point or down the stream so that the most attractive portion of the park might have been spared the desecration of iron bridgework.

HERAFTER TRAGEDY.

She did not change her fields of grain, Who wanted to be free again— This literary beauty; She did not rave of lifelong pain And many folk and days; She did not sob nor sigh nor snort, Nor threaten in a fury To tell her love tale out in court Before a judge and jury.

Then what that threat so dread, so dread, It makes him squirm and grovel! The fair ink-slinger calmly said, "I'll put you in a novel." —Pick-Me-Up.

Everybody knows the story of the Egyptian man, who, dining with a mandarin, desired to know what meat he was eating. He pointed to the dish and said interrogatively: "Quack-Quack!" His host shook his head and answered with the politest of smiles: "How-How?" And there, says Lequaint's Magazine, you have language in its simplest elements.

UP THE RIVER:

A taper rod, a slender line, A bait to tempt the fishes, And in the shed an iron pine One may the wicked world resign And all its sinful wishes.

A lively bit, a sturdy plod, The early line unrolling— One's cup of joy is bubbling full Life's a yard wide, of finest wool, With not a warranted feeling.

A grimy fight, a warded prize, Perhaps a bare to mention, And tie the waist in a straitjacket, 'Twill never out of art device A parable invention.

Q, worried souls that sigh for peace, And search the town, e'er falling, Here is an unwearied bliss to lease, With interest beginning to increase— And "good-bye" with protesting. —George E. Bowen.

As a throat quencher, beer is rapidly being replaced by buttermilk in this city. The white-garbed buttermilk retailers do not, as a rule, advertise buttermilk, because they do not make as much profit out of its sale as they do out of beer. Nevertheless, buttermilk drinking goes right on. The reason, perhaps, is that buttermilk, as a beverage, while cheering, cooling and refreshing the thirsty wayfarer, does not intoxicate him and encourages to reaction such as follows the waste of alcoholic exhilaration.

LI HUNG CHANG'S ALTERNATIVE: I no longer feel dressed since they've taken my Yee; Of the beautiful aureate hair; For the jacket was won by the deeds I had done. And its loss leaves me frightfully blue.

It's a terrible test to be robbed of your vest. If you live in the flowery land; But, though bitter my gup, I will try to tear up. For invention brings comfort to man.

I'll envelop this breast, since it means a vest, In a garment of worthier note; It is practical, too, for, between me and you, I'll invest in a bullet-proof coat. —Washington Star.

SENATE BILL THE BETTER.

Washington Post. We make no secret of our opinion as to the controversy, however. We regard the senate bill as an infinitely wiser and more prudent measure than the house bill. In the first place it provides an ample public revenue. Next, it does not threaten with immediate extinction those great American industries which the house bill seems to have been intended to destroy. Finally, it can become a law if left to the unbiased action of the Democrats in congress. We repeat, with entire confidence and with absolute confidence, that the senate bill, if submitted to the test of a party vote under the Australian ballot system today, would receive an overwhelming majority in both houses. We do not question the sincerity of the house conferees or the bona fides with whom they are acting. We declare simply our profound conviction that the Democratic representatives approve the senate bill just as it stands and would vote for it if they had the opportunity.

FOR DELEGATE ELECTIONS.

Appointments of Republican Representatives Among the Various Districts. Pursuant to a meeting of the Republican County committee held on July 14th, 1894, the County Convention will be held on Tuesday, September 4th, 1894, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the court house at Scranton, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following named offices, to be voted for at the next general election to be held November 6th, 1894: Congress, Eleventh district; Judge, Forty-fifth judicial district; sheriff, treasurer, clerk of courts, prothonotary, district attorney, recorder of deeds, register of wills, and jury commissioner.

Vigilance committees will hold delegate elections on Saturday, September 1st, 1894, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. They will also give at least two days public notice of the time and place for holding said elections.

Each election district should elect at the said delegate elections, two qualified persons to serve as vigilance committee for one year, and have their names certified to, on the credentials of delegates to the County Convention.

The representation of delegates to the County Convention is based upon the vote cast last fall for Fall, candidates for judge of supreme court, by using the highest officer voted for at said state election. Under this rule the several election districts are entitled to representation as follows:

Table listing election districts and their corresponding representation counts for various offices.

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